

Transcend

THE SACRAMENTO GENDER ASSOCIATION (SGA) NEWSLETTER

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SGA ELECTION

Hello Everyone,

The Elections are official.
We have a new board.

Michelle Conkle — Chair Person

Megan Brooks — Secretary

Jaimie Machado — Treasurer

Tiffany Allen — Multimedia

Ben Hudson — Member at large



Megan Brooks



Ben Hudson

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Sacramento Pride is the oldest and largest LGBTQI pride event in Sacramento. Started in 1984 as the Lambda Freedom Fair, this year marks the 21st annual Pride. **This year there will be a parade.** The last parade was in 1983.

Sacramento Pride is the primary source of income for the Lambda Community Fund which operates the Lambda Community Center. ALL money raised at Pride goes to support the Fund for the following year.

Sacramento Pride is still about celebrating and obtaining our freedoms and equal rights. It's also about being proud of who we are – educating the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex (LGBTQI) community that they are not alone and that it is OK to be who they are – and educating the greater community that we are people no different than they are – deserving respect and equal treatment.

Festival & Parade:
Saturday,
June 11, 2005
10:00am to 6:00pm

Volunteers are needed to make the SGA booth successful!

Please contact us at 916-364-7212 for more info.

Michelle Conkle

SGA Calendar 2005

- April 09, 6:30pm
Lambda Center Potluck
- April 23, 7:00pm
Miniature Golf
- May 14, 6:30pm
Lambda Center Potluck
- May 28, 7:00pm
TBA
- June 11, 10:00-6:00p
Sacramento Pride
- June 25,
American River Rafting?

Sacramento Gender Association

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<http://www.transgender.org/sga>

The Sacramento Gender Association (SGA) is a non-sexual, membership based organization serving the educational and recreational needs of the transgender (TG) community, including TS, CD, TV, their spouses, significant others, family, and TG friendly professionals. Membership is open to everyone age 18 or older regardless of gender or sexual orientation.

SGA Board & Roles

Chair Michelle Conkle
Secretary Megan Brooks
Treasurer Jaimie Machado
Multimedia Tiffany Allen
At Large Ben Hudson

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SIZE MONTHLY/YEARLY

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All members and professionals supporting the TG community are encouraged to submit articles and photos for publication. Deadline is the 20th of the month prior to the next month's issue. Please submit hard copy typewritten or clearly printed. Articles can also be sent by email to the newsletter editor:

michellefox33@yahoo.com

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JANUARY 2005 BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

SGA will have a booth at Sacramento Pride, June 11th. Ben, Megan, and Michelle will see to the details.

Michelle will be our picture taker at SGA events. Photos will be taken with permission only as required by SGA by-laws. If you would like to have your photo on the SGA website "members" page, you can, but you must come to an event. We may also post links to member websites on the SGA website, if requested, but they must be approved by the board first, and

content will be reviewed regularly.

Megan will represent SGA on the "Running a TG support group" panel at California Dreamin (Friday April 15 at 2:00 PM).

Michelle is planning the April 23rd (4th Saturday) dinner out social.

The next board meeting is April 25th at Carrows, 28th and J.

FIELD TRIP - MINIATURE GOLF APRIL 23, 2005

Scandia Miniature Golf

5070 Hillsdale Blvd, North Highlands

916 331-5757

www.scandiafamilyfun.com

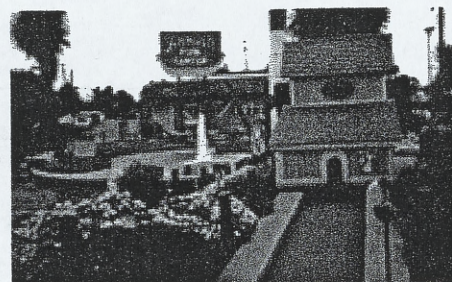
Come join us for a fun filled night playing miniature golf. 04-23-05.

Golf \$7.50

Race cars \$4.95

Bumper Boats \$4.95

Batting Cages (25 pitches) \$1.25



Hugs,

Michelle Conkle

HAPPY Birthday!

Johanna R. 4/06
Lana Stevens 4/10
Briana Smith 4/14
Sherry Lynn 4/22
Ava Pratt 4/22

Happy Birthday To All !!!



SGA Membership Application

Prior Membership Information:

1. Are you a new member? ☐ Yes (skip to Member Information Section) ☐ No
2. Are you renewing a membership from last year? ☐ Yes (skip to Question 4) ☐ No
3. If the answer is No to both questions, when were you a member last? ____/____/____
4. What year did you first join SGA? _____

Member Information:

Preferred Name: (First) _____ (Last) _____

Mailing Name: (First) _____ (Last) _____

Your Birthday: Month ____ Day ____

Spouse's/SO's Name: (First) _____ (Last) _____

Your Spouse's/SO's Birthday: Month ____ Day ____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Country: _____

Optional Information:

Telephone Number: (____)-____-____

What name should we ask for if we need to call you? _____

Your E-mail address: _____ @ _____

Web Site URL: _____

I am enclosing a Check or Money Order for:

- ☐ \$24.00 Full Year Membership from March 1st - February 28/9, prorated @ \$2/month
- ☐ \$36.00 Full Year Family Membership, prorated at \$3/month. (Note: one copy of newsletter sent per household)

Memberships always run through February 28/9. If you join midyear, prorate the amount as indicated. For example, for an individual membership that you wish to start in July, enclose \$12.00.

Send Membership application + Check or
Money Order payable to:

SGA

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**Sacramento
Gender Association**

Spring is here - time to make your appointment for the new
spring colors and some excellent SKIN CARE

Julia Richardson

916-925-7434

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April 14 - 17, 2005

Transgender Conference

California Dreamin is a
close to home gender Con-
vention held in San Jose.

www.california-dreamin.org/

This event will be held at

the Doubletree Hotel in San Jose. Special Room rate starting at

\$89.00 per night. See the web site for more information.

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SAN FRANCISCO INCREASES HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR TRANSGENDER CITY EMPLOYEES

On Thursday, February 26th, the San Francisco Health Services Board (HSSB) took steps in providing greater equality
in the health care for transgender city employees.

Three years ago the San Francisco HSSB voted to allow transgender people to access trans-comprehensive health
care. These insurance policies would cover hormones and surgery for transgender people. However, certain restric-
tions were placed on this decision. First, transgender employees who wanted hormones and surgery covered could
only opt for the city insurance plan whereas non-trans employees had a choice of plans. Also, in order to be eligible
for the city plan, transgender individuals would have to be employed by the city for at least one year. The third dis-
criminatory restriction was a cap that prevented transgender people from requesting more than \$50,000 worth of
services be covered in their entire term as a city employee or retiree.

Last Thursday, February 26, the HSSB altered these restrictions to be more trans friendly. Transgender employees
now have a choice of health plan options, allowing these individuals more freedom in finding supportive and sensi-
tive doctors. The one year waiting period has been terminated, giving transgender people the opportunity to access
their services in the same time period as other city employees. Finally, the cap has been raised to cover \$75,000
worth of procedures during one's term as a city employee or retiree.

NCTE applauds the city of San Francisco, and all those who worked to make this happen, for taking yet another posi-
tive step in securing fair and equal treatment of trans people.